[illegible] the same, [illegible], but it is thirty [illegible] years old perhaps — I enclose a photo. of a [illegible] drawing, but it does [illegible] of the [illegible], only gives an idea of the terraces & [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] inside [illegible] charming — Mr. & Mrs. Hanbury have also done a good deal for the poor of the neighbourhood, & helped establish schools for girls, for they had no chance to learn, it was only the boys. So at dinner there appeared an Italian advocate, living in Ventimiglia, where there [illegible] but, as there are only decayed & poor families left, & he had prepared a poem in honour of Mrs. H.'s fête day, St Catherine's, & after dinner we all adjourned to the salon where he read it with much emphasis, & as it is very [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it was [illegible] from the Miss [illegible], a young [illegible] [illegible] the winter with the H.s, [illegible] [illegible] — she [illegible] such a [illegible] quaint little lady, tho' not [illegible] [illegible] English or French, & such a pretty [illegible]! Miss Pease, [illegible] Mrs. H.'s [illegible], [illegible] English [illegible] passing the winter there. [illegible] In the [illegible] Mr. Hanbury showed me some beautiful photos of China & Japan, & some beautiful things from those two countries — He put me in mind of [illegible], [illegible] a little [illegible] & has much the same manner — He showed me a photo of his house [illegible] [illegible] there [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a gentleman [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], & kindly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] tho' they knew very few of the people, gave them a very handsome collation — but Dr. Day & I had to leave before they did, & get to Monaco to sleep — Miss Farrar, a New York young lady passing the winter with her mother in Mentone, & whom Mrs. Hanbury had kindly invited to meet us, took a seat in our carriage — so we bade good bye to the charming people, for both Mr. & Mrs. H. are delightful, & he accompanied us up [illegible] [illegible] to where our smart little [illegible] waited — There is no carriage road to the house. We turned our backs on Bordighera which I had only seen thro' the glass, & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the chance [illegible] [illegible] Dr. [illegible] [illegible], & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] into an upper window, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] lemon blossoms to reach Monaco [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] thro' the principal source of that great prince's income, a large square, brilliantly lighted, a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], but the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] tall, nice looking man appeared, & showed us up two flights of stairs, each divided into three [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] looking over the sea towards the west, the upper one especially, framing in the beautiful hills & the cape [illegible] into the sea, & in the little garden close by a graceful palm to make fore-ground. The [illegible] in the upper story, a [illegible], large room, reaching across the house, two windows [illegible] [illegible], two looking out on the terraced hill & rough mountain behind, & then two wide doors & windows opening into the Loggia, [illegible] a room in the corner, with the two outer walls [illegible] [illegible] arches, making with its inlaid, tiled floor & [illegible] the [illegible], the [illegible], cool place for a warm day — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], for [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a fancy [illegible] [illegible] places a little [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] had so written [illegible] did not [illegible] [illegible] the next day, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] admired the [illegible]

[illegible] carved ceilings, little [illegible] [illegible] of handsome [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] fine furniture, [illegible] some, & [illegible] beautiful Chinese things, for Mr. Hanbury was a long time in business in China, & quite a friend of Edward Cunningham's — by & by Mrs. Hanbury [illegible] [illegible] to meet [illegible], said Mr. Hanbury was away on a "pic-nic", & unfortunately our room was not ready, wished I take off my things in hers, & have a cup of [illegible] [illegible] dinner [illegible] quite late — So when the tea was ready we went down to the ground floor, (the [illegible] one was chambers,) to the dining-room — a smaller arched room with heavy curtains & an arched recess like an apse, in which was a very large, handsome sideboard — there was a nice little fire, & Mrs. Holman [illegible] [illegible] my [illegible] blood, [illegible] Mrs. Hanbury [illegible] [illegible] aunt — nurse [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] came with her little cup to share the tea — She said she had seen Fanny in China, but especially knew John Cunningham in Japan, & talked a good deal about him — Presently Mrs. H. said our room was ready, & she [illegible] us [illegible] [illegible] pleasant room opening from the [illegible], [illegible] the fire, & [illegible] dressing [illegible] within, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I began to dress, but said I [illegible] I would go to bed, for by this time I was thoroughly [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] encouraged [illegible], & so I quietly [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to bed — He [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] over the bay, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the outer edge of the bay & I seemed quite in dream land. Presently [illegible] steps, & a [illegible] Italian woman, except for her [illegible] of teeth, smilingly brought me a plate of soup. She asked in French if I were sick, & came again presently with a stone bottle of hot water to put to my feet — [illegible] [illegible] before [illegible] then she came [illegible], & Mrs. Hanbury's [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the island to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] very kindly [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], & [illegible] rare chance, [illegible] [illegible] too! He [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Japanese [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from, & [illegible] in the Dr. [illegible] in the hammock [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible], & then a lovely sunrise, & [illegible] the very day that I would [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] next [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], & the sea was so blue & lovely! Think of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Dec.! Mr. Hanbury came from the marble [illegible] (with steps [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] garden in front) without any, for they had been [illegible] [illegible] some of the things [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] years ago, & was restored [illegible] arranged — the walls are some three feet thick in the lower story, & that & the one above have arched ceilings of stone, [illegible] [illegible] style is all over the house — [illegible] the walls are the same, [illegible] [illegible]